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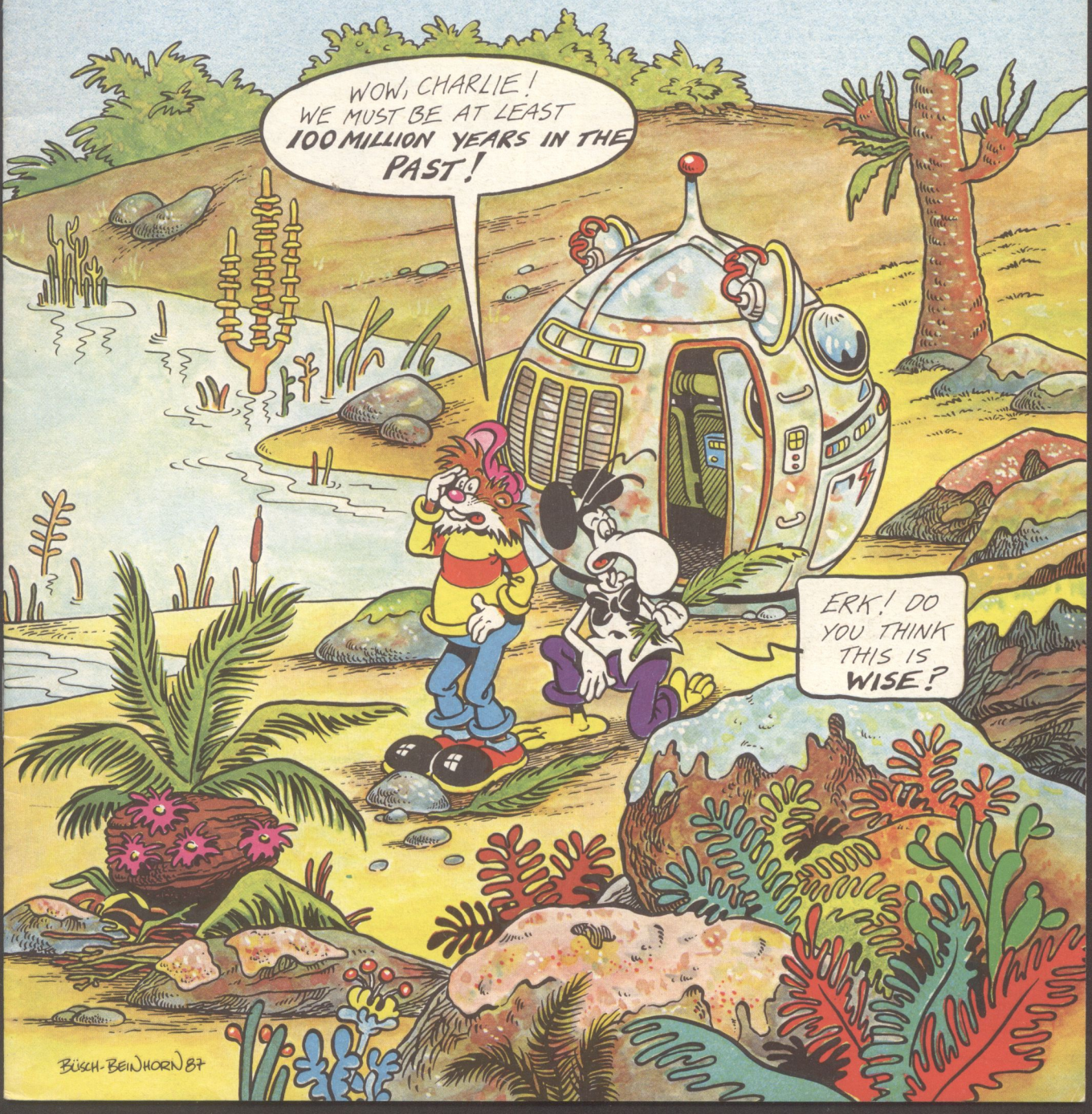


HI, READERS!

Merry November Issue, Folks!
Well, the nights are drawing in! And it's been such a BRILLIANT year for the SAVERS at the office that we're all going away on VOYAGES OF EXPLORATION!!

MIKE: Ceaselessly searching for EXTRA POCKET MONEY, I'm off to the GOLDFIELDS of Australia! I've heard that down there, you can find HUGE NUGGETS lying around on top of the OUTBACK! So I've got an air ticket and a large wheelbarrow. And I'm off to MAKE MY FORTUNE!

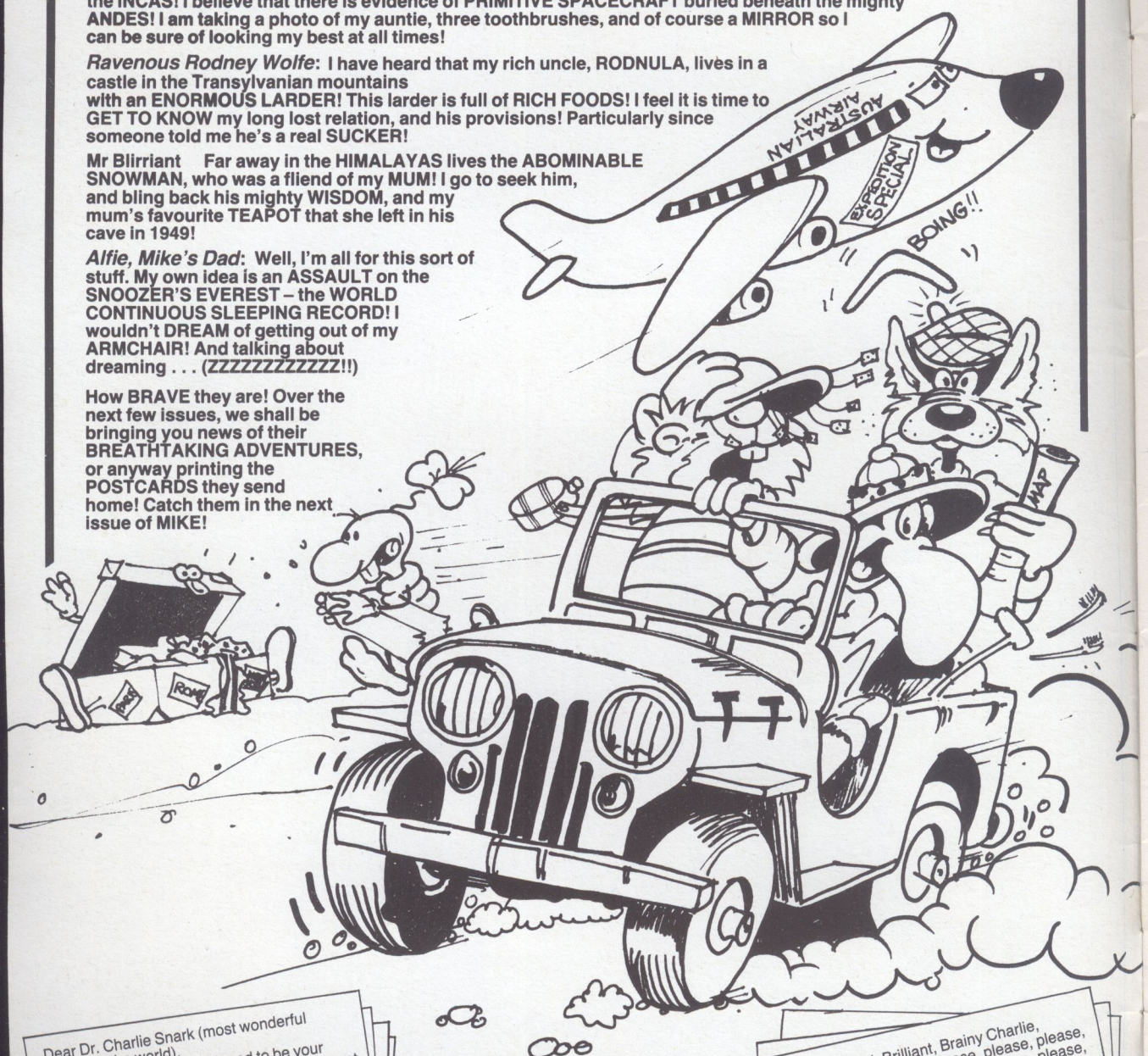
Dr Charlie Snark: Personally, I prefer KNOWLEDGE! So I'm off to PERU, and the mysterious ruins of the INCAS! I believe that there is evidence of PRIMITIVE SPACECRAFT buried beneath the mighty ANDES! I am taking a photo of my auntie, three toothbrushes, and of course a MIRROR so I can be sure of looking my best at all times!

Ravenous Rodney Wolfe: I have heard that my rich uncle, RODNULA, lives in a castle in the Transylvanian mountains with an ENORMOUS LARDER! This larder is full of RICH FOODS! I feel it is time to GET TO KNOW my long lost relation, and his provisions! Particularly since someone told me he's a real SUCKER!

Mr Blirriant Far away in the HIMALAYAS lives the ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN, who was a friend of my MUM! I go to seek him, and bring back his mighty WISDOM, and my mum's favourite TEAPOT that she left in his cave in 1949!

Alfie, Mike's Dad: Well, I'm all for this sort of stuff. My own idea is an ASSAULT on the SNOOZER'S EVEREST – the WORLD CONTINUOUS SLEEPING RECORD! I wouldn't DREAM of getting out of my ARMCHAIR! And talking about dreaming . . . (ZZZZZZZZZZZZ!!)

How BRAVE they are! Over the next few issues, we shall be bringing you news of their BREATHTAKING ADVENTURES, or anyway printing the POSTCARDS they send home! Catch them in the next issue of MIKE!



Dear Dr. Charlie Snark (most wonderful person in the world),
I would be extremely privileged to be your assistant. I think you are handsome, intelligent and superior to all other humans. In fact you are exactly the same as me apart from being far better all round of course! I am very well suited to the job getting all A+'s on my report and my lowest exam result being 110%. I am witty and very intelligent. I can type at the speed of light. I will grovel to you 10 times a day if it is what you want. I am loyal and never talk too much or too little. I believe I have sufficient intellect to hold a conversation with your noble self. Your wish is my command,
Anna Whall, 17 Brighton Road, Southport. PR8 4DD
YOU ARE OBVIOUSLY A GENIUS! I AM TERRIFIED! NO JOB ANNA!

APPLICATIONS FOR JOB ASSISTANT

Dear Dr. Charlie Snark,
I would like to apply for the job as assistant to the world's greatest genius. You! You are the greatest, the best, the boss, the big cheese! So please, please (that's 26 pleases by the way) can I be your assistant. I have 16 "Z" Levels and 20 YCES's. Yours grovelling, **Ellen Prest (12), 24 Charnwood Grove, West Bridgford, Nottingham. NG2 7NT**
NO WHERE NEAR ENOUGH! YOU MUST LEARN ADVANCED GROVELLING ELLEN!

Dear Wonderful, Brilliant, Brainy Charlie,
Please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please,

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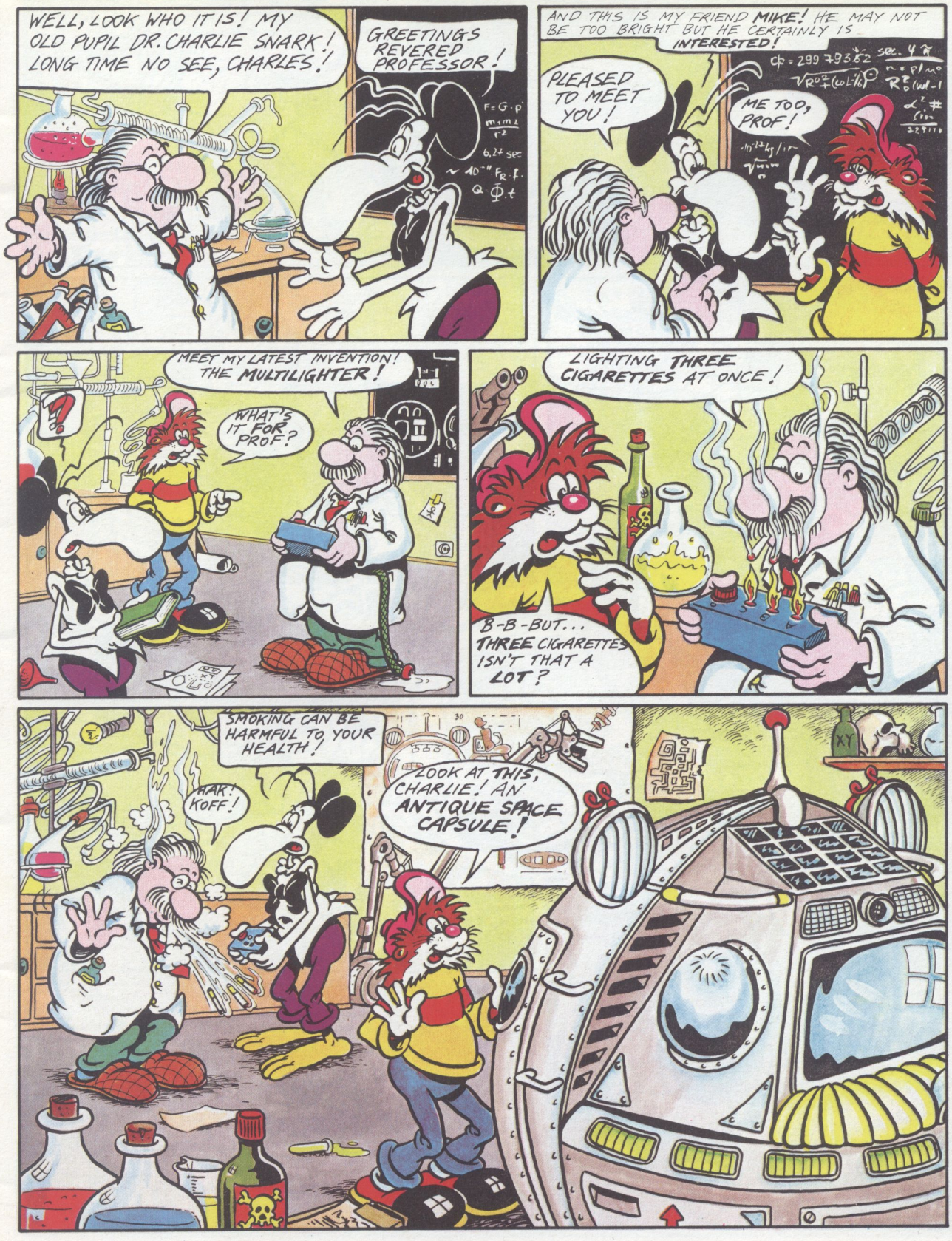
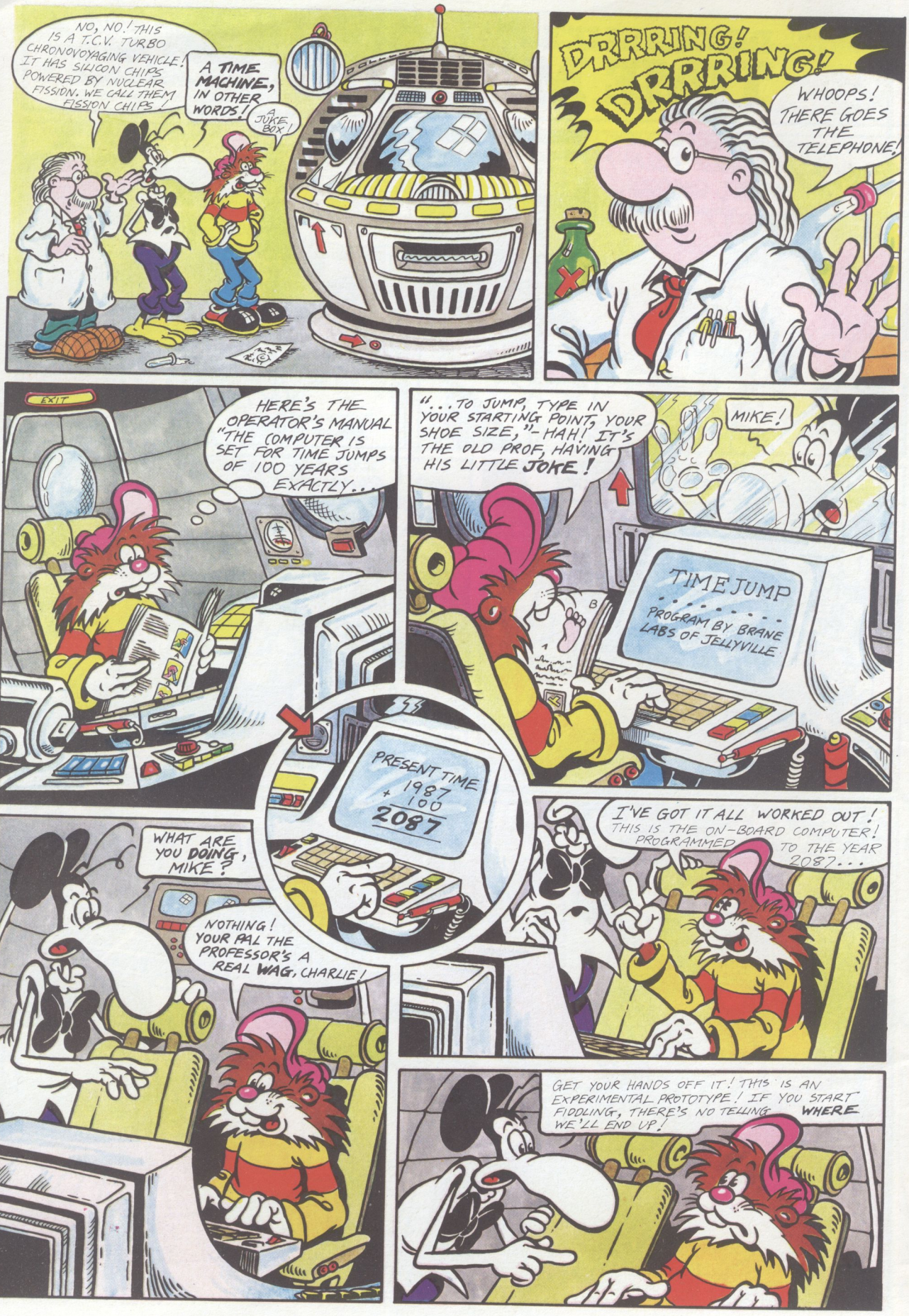
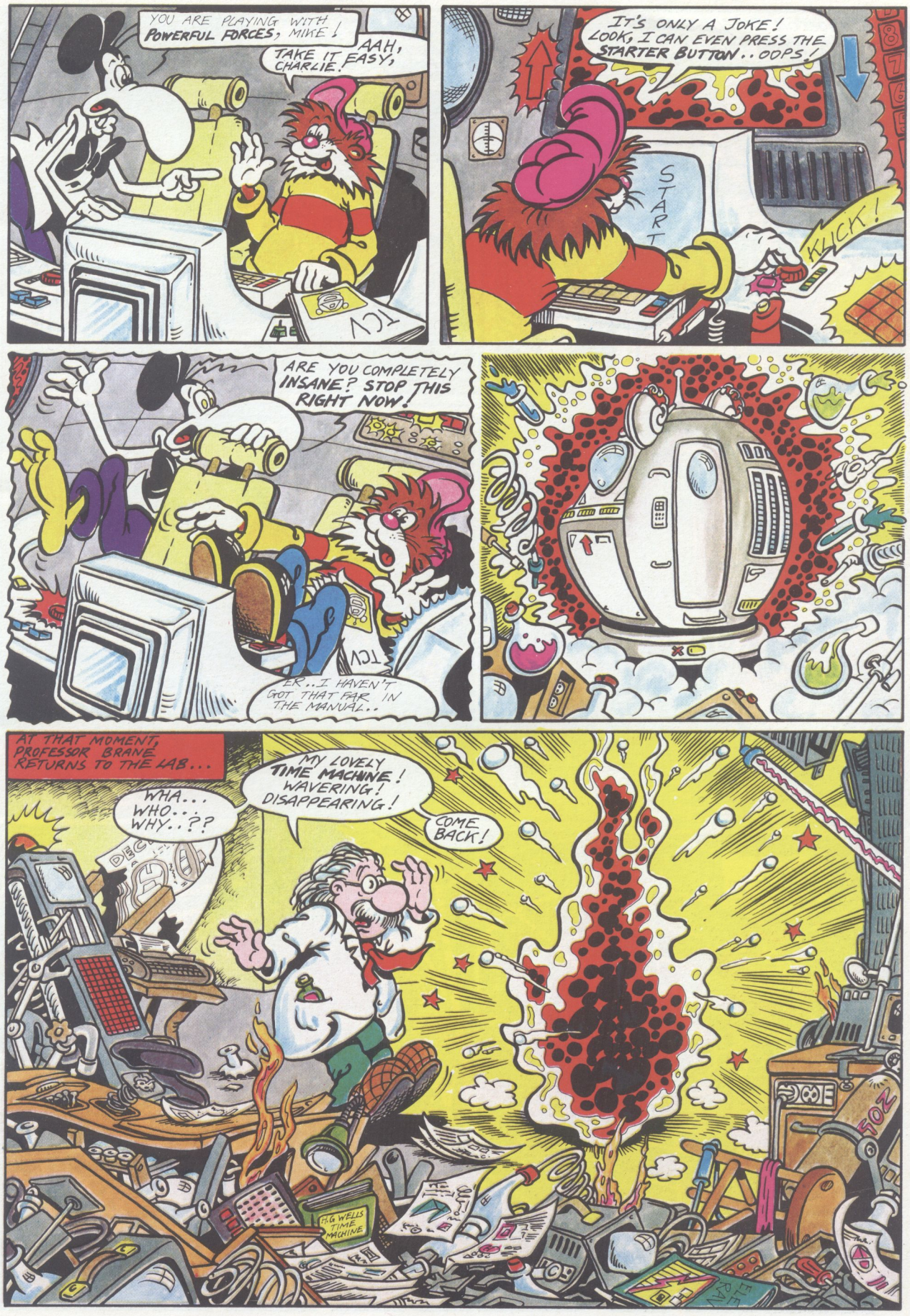
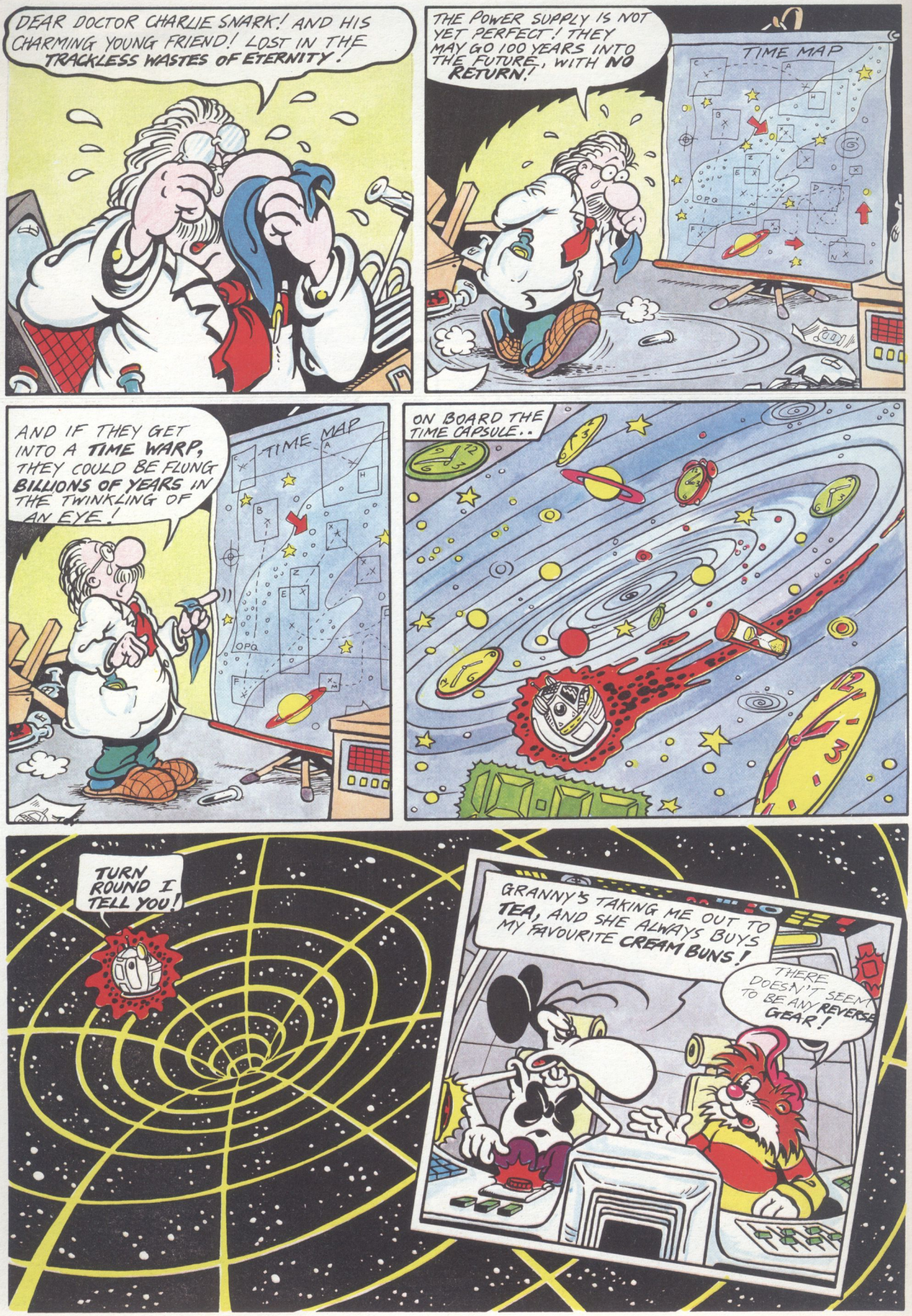
DR. CHARLIE'S TIME MACHINE

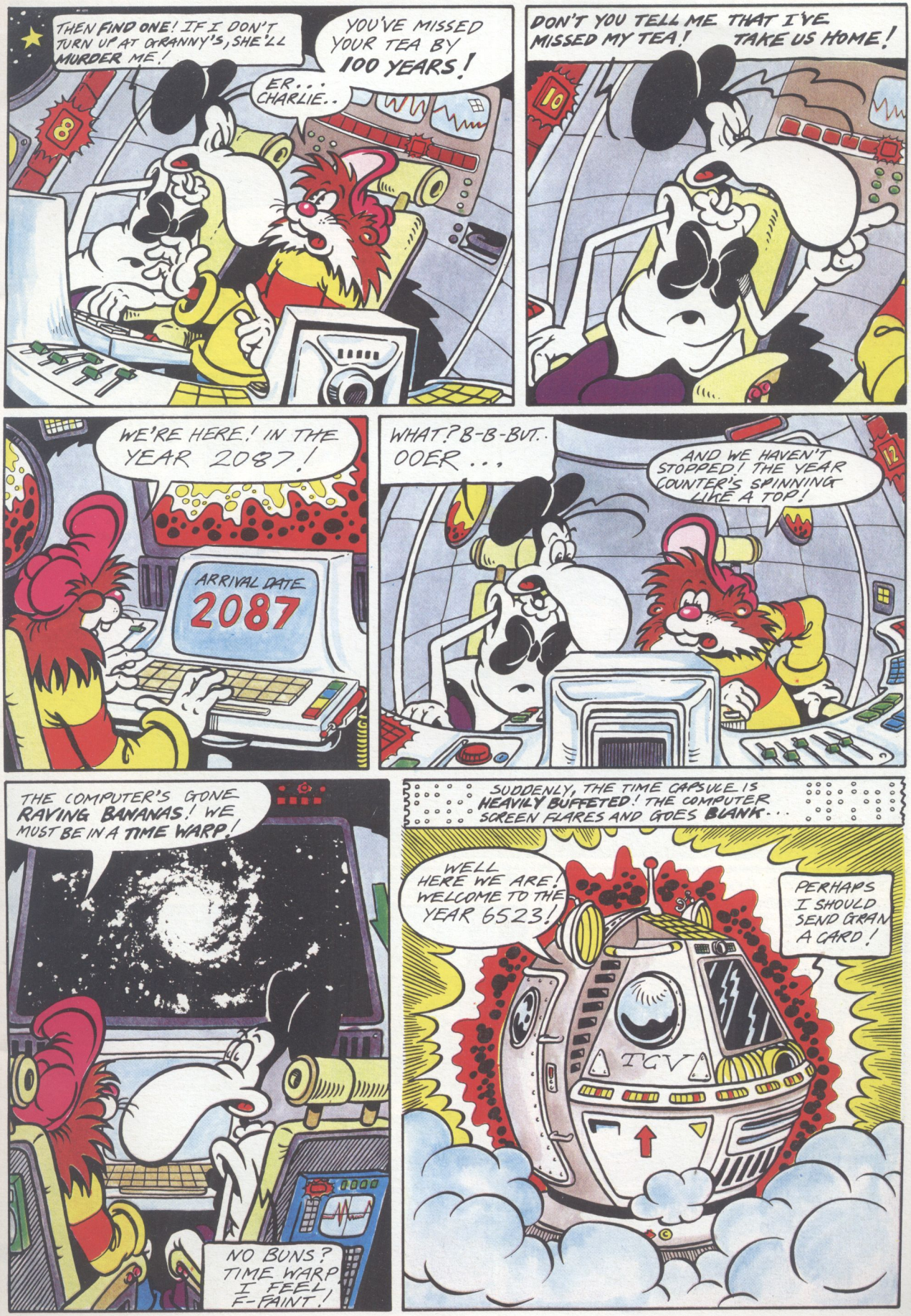
AN INCREDIBLE VOYAGE THROUGH TIME AND SPACE

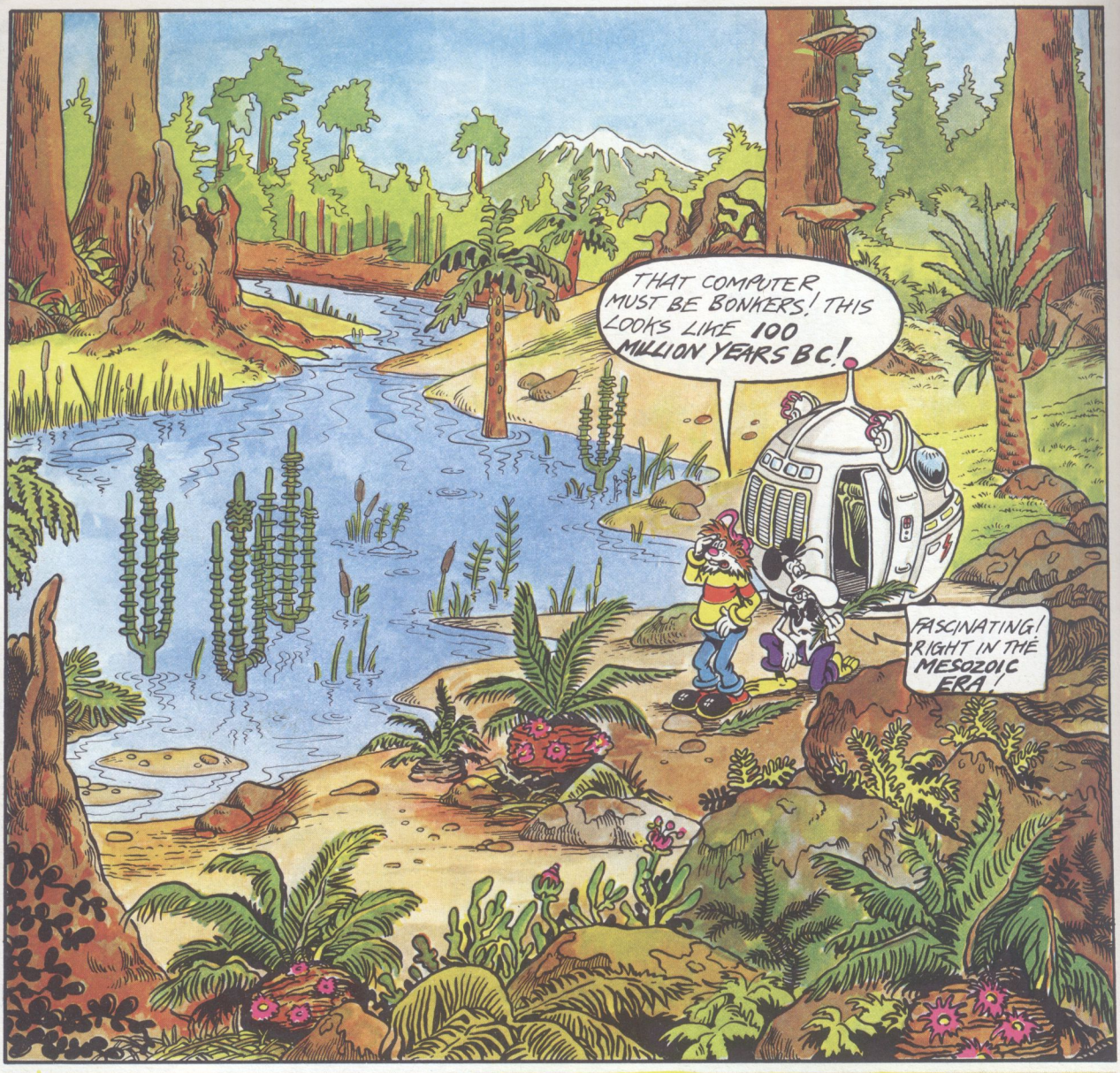

WELL, LOOK WHO IT IS! MY OLD PUPIL DR. CHARLIE SNARK! LONG TIME NO SEE, CHARLES!
GREETINGS REVERED PROFESSOR!
AND THIS IS MY FRIEND MIKE! HE MAY NOT BE TOO BRIGHT BUT HE CERTAINLY IS INTERESTED!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU!
ME TOO, PROF!
MEET MY LATEST INVENTION! THE MULTILIGHTER!
WHAT'S IT FOR PROF?
LIGHTING THREE CIGARETTES AT ONCE!
B-B-BUT... THREE CIGARETTES ISN'T THAT A LOT?
SMOKING CAN BE HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH!
HAK! KOFF!
LOOK AT THIS, CHARLIE! AN ANTIQUE SPACE CAPSULE!


NO, NO! THIS IS A T.C.V. TURBO CHRONOVOYAGING VEHICLE! IT HAS SILICON CHIPS POWERED BY NUCLEAR FISSION. WE CALL THEM FISSION CHIPS!
A TIME MACHINE, IN OTHER WORDS!
A JUKE BOX!
DRRRING! DRRRING!
WHOOPS! THERE GOES THE TELEPHONE!
EXIT
HERE'S THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL "THE COMPUTER IS SET FOR TIME JUMPS OF 100 YEARS EXACTLY...
"...TO JUMP, TYPE IN YOUR STARTING POINT, YOUR SHOE SIZE,"- HAH! IT'S THE OLD PROF, HAVING HIS LITTLE JOKE!
MIKE!
TIMEJUMP
PROGRAM BY BRANE LABS OF JELLYVILLE
PRESENT TIME
1987
+ 100
2087
I'VE GOT IT ALL WORKED OUT! THIS IS THE ON-BOARD COMPUTER! PROGRAMMED TO THE YEAR 2087...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MIKE?
NOTHING! YOUR PAL THE PROFESSOR'S A REAL WAG, CHARLIE!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF IT! THIS IS AN EXPERIMENTAL PROTOTYPE! IF YOU START FIDDLING, THERE'S NO TELLING WHERE WE'LL END UP!

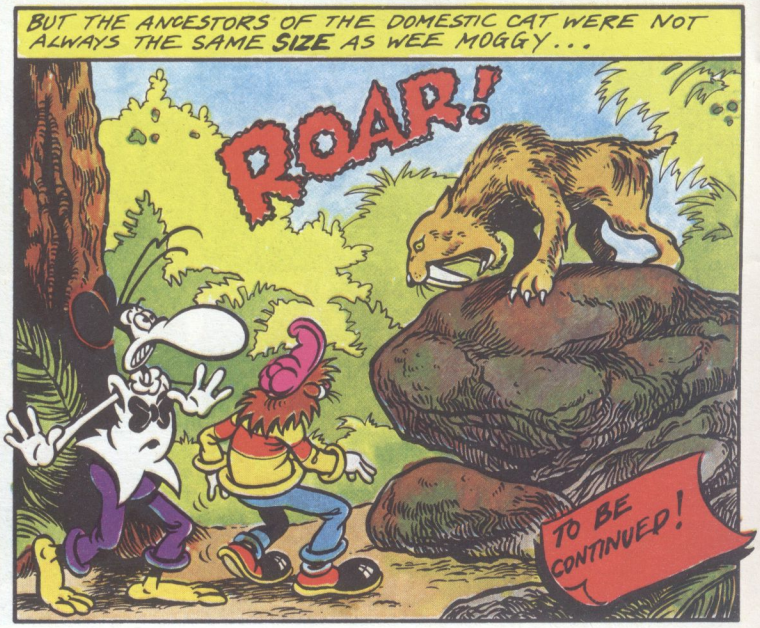

YOU ARE PLAYING WITH POWERFUL FORCES, MIKE!
AAH, TAKE IT EASY, CHARLIE!
IT'S ONLY A JOKE! LOOK, I CAN EVEN PRESS THE STARTER BUTTON.. OOPS!
START
KLICK!
ARE YOU COMPLETELY INSANE? STOP THIS RIGHT NOW!
ER..I HAVEN'T GOT THAT FAR IN THE MANUAL..
AT THAT MOMENT, PROFESSOR BRANE RETURNS TO THE LAB...
WHA... WHO... WHY..??
MY LOVELY TIME MACHINE! WAVERING! DISAPPEARING!
COME BACK!
H.G WELLS TIME MACHINE
ZOT


DEAR DOCTOR CHARLIE SNARK! AND HIS CHARMING YOUNG FRIEND! LOST IN THE TRACKLESS WASTES OF ETERNITY!
THE POWER SUPPLY IS NOT YET PERFECT! THEY MAY GO 100 YEARS INTO THE FUTURE, WITH NO RETURN!
TIME MAP
AND IF THEY GET INTO A TIME WARP, THEY COULD BE FLUNG BILLIONS OF YEARS IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE!
TIME MAP
ON BOARD THE TIME CAPSULE..
TURN ROUND I TELL YOU!
GRANNY'S TAKING ME OUT TO TEA, AND SHE ALWAYS BUYS MY FAVOURITE CREAM BUNS!
THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY REVERSE GEAR!


THEN FIND ONE! IF I DON'T TURN UP AT GRANNY'S, SHE'LL MURDER ME!
YOU'VE MISSED YOUR TEA BY 100 YEARS!
ER... CHARLIE..
DON'T YOU TELL ME THAT I'VE MISSED MY TEA! TAKE US HOME!
WE'RE HERE! IN THE YEAR 2087!
ARRIVAL DATE 2087
WHAT? B-B-BUT.. OOER...
AND WE HAVEN'T STOPPED! THE YEAR COUNTER'S SPINNING LIKE A TOP!
THE COMPUTER'S GONE RAVING BANANAS! WE MUST BE IN A TIME WARP!
NO BUNS? TIME WARP I FEEL F-FAINT!
SUDDENLY, THE TIME CAPSULE IS HEAVILY BUFFETED! THE COMPUTER SCREEN FLARES AND GOES BLANK...
WELL HERE WE ARE! WELCOME TO THE YEAR 6523!
PERHAPS I SHOULD SEND GRAN A CARD!
TGV


THAT COMPUTER MUST BE BONKERS! THIS LOOKS LIKE 100 MILLION YEARS BC!
FASCINATING! RIGHT IN THE MESOZOIC ERA!

THE DAWN OF LIFE ON EARTH AS WE KNOW IT! THE ANCESTORS OF MODERN SPECIES LIKE THE DOMESTIC CAT, ROAMING WILD IN THE FORESTS...
YEAH!


BUT THE ANCESTORS OF THE DOMESTIC CAT WERE NOT ALWAYS THE SAME SIZE AS WEE MOGGY...
ROAR!
TO BE CONTINUED!

HA!HI-HI!HO-HO!

DOCTOR CHARLIE SNARK WRITES

Greetings, loyal readers! Welcome once again to the GREATEST JOKE PAGE IN HISTORY! I, your GENIUS JOKE EDITOR, salute you! Thank you for all the excellent jokes you have been sending in. As usual, the streets of Jellyville are clogged with people laughing themselves to a standstill at your CACKLESOME CONTRIBUTIONS! Personally, I have not been doing too much laughing. I find I spend more and more time these days worrying about whether you, my readers, realise how IMPORTANT I am.

Which reminds me. I have been getting a lot of letters telling me that I am BIG-HEADED. True, my head is big. But if you had as many brains as me, so would yours be. I have also had a lot of applications for the post as my ASSISTANT. The Editor has printed them elsewhere in this issue of MIKE. Some of you are obviously nearly as clever as me. (Goodness, how I flatter you!)

(Your head is the size of a hot air balloon, Charlie! Mike)

Well. Keep the jokes coming in. As usual, there are PRIZES for the worst knock-knock joke, the worst riddle and anything else VERY BAD that catches our eye. I shall wait for the mail bag with FASCINATION!

(Me too! Mike)

Your Joke Editor
Dr. Charlie Snark

Dear Mike,
Q: Why does a giraffe have such a long neck?
A: Because its head is so far away from its body!
Anna Whall, 17 Brighton Road, Southport. PR8 4DD
ALSO
Q: What do elephants play in a minivan?
A: Squash!

Dear Mike,
What's yellow and always points north?
A magnetic banana.

Gurminder Panesar, 136 Showell Green Lane, Sparkhill, Birmingham. B11 4HN

BRAIN-TEASERS . . .

Dear Mike,
A school teacher and his daughter, the minister's wife and the minister were out walking in the woods. They came across a bird's nest with 4 eggs in it. Each of them takes 1 egg but when they left, there was still 1 egg left in the nest. How can this be? There were only 3 people. The minister's wife was the school teacher's daughter.

Dear Mike,
On the way to the waterhole a zebra met 6 giraffes. Each giraffe had 2 birds on its tail and on each giraffe's neck were 3 monkeys. How many animals were at the waterhole?
Only the zebra. The others were on their way back!
Susan Cooke, 64 Long Lane, Upton-by-Chester, Cheshire. CH2 1JD

Dear Mike,
Q: What sort of cheese is made backwards?
A: Edam!
Eiley Fenly (9), 7 Harlech Close, Kitwell, Bartley Green, Birmingham.

Dear Mike,
Q: Why does a traffic warden have a yellow band on her hat?
A: So you don't park on her head!
Jessica Buck, Appledown, Coast View, Stratton, Bude, Cornwall

Dear Mike,
Why does batman brush his teeth at least three times at day?
To prevent bat breath!
Andrew Crichton (9), 43 Brixton Close, Ings Road Estate, Hull, N. Humbs.

Dear Mike,
Waiter, why is my steak and kidney pie all mashed up like this?
Well you told me to get you a steak and kidney pie and step on it!
Robert Ryan (10), 22 Cartmel Walk, Harpurhey, Manchester. M9 1SZ

Dear Mike,
Why did the robber take a bath?
So he could make a clean get away!
Jonathan Hopps (7), 9 Purbeck Drive, Lostock, Bolton.

Dear Mike,
Mother: Have you given the goldfish fresh water today?
Johnny: No, they haven't drunk yesterday's yet!
Richard Davies, 14 Brockeley Close, Bleadon Hill, Weston-Super-Mare, Avon.

Dear Mike,
When Noah saw the dove return after the Great Flood with an olive branch in its mouth, he turned and said to the animals "Go forth and multiply". First were the worms, then the kangeroos then pigs and the elephants, but the monkeys were fighting with the elephants. When Noah said "why are you fighting?" the monkeys said "you told us to go forth and multiply, and we were fifth". After a while Noah got all the animals out. He looked around and saw two snakes crying in the corner when he asked them what was wrong they said "you told us to go forth and MULTIPLY, and we are adders!"

Q: What did tarzan say when he saw a herd of elephants charging at him?
A: Here come a herd of elephants!
Q: What did tarzan say when he saw a herd of elephants charging at him with sunglasses on?
A: Nothing, he didn't recognise them.
Joan Robertson, 44 Arundel Avenue, Flixton, Manchester. M31 3NG

Dear Mike,
Q: What do you get if you cross a hedgehog with a giraffe?
A: A ten foot tooth brush!
Mark Robbins, 8 The Glebe, Sapperton, Nr. Cirencester, Glos. GL7 6LL

Dear Mike,
Q: What do you call a man with a bee on his toe?
A: Toby !!!!
Rosemarie Sanderson (12), 24 Osberton Street, Rawmarsh, Nr. Rotherham. S62 5JW

Dear Mike,
What's a macaw?
A Scottish parrot!
What should you give to under-fed pixies?
Elf Raising Flour!
Andrea Davies, 72 Splott Road, Cardiff.

Dear Mike,
Grandma: What are you going to do when you grow up Harry?
Harry: I'm going to grow a beard, Grandma!
Grandma: What for?
Harry: So there won't be so much of my face to wash!!
Donna Mills, 211 Angram Place, Newton Aycliffe, C. Durham. DL5 7HJ

Dear Mike,
Q: What musical instrument does a skeleton play?
A: The TROM-BONE!!
First Monster: Arg
Second Monster: Arg Urg
First Monster: Don't change the subject!
Jayne Windsor (12), 19 Brodie Close, South Shields, Tyne and Wear.

Dear Mike,
How do you send a wig?
By Hair Mail!
S. Frost, Hempstead Road, Holt, Norfolk.

Dear Mike,
Knock knock,
Who's there?
Ivor!
Ivor who?
Ivor sore hand from knocking at your door!!
Knock knock,
Who's there?
Alex!
Alex who?
Alex plain later!!
Amy Midgley, 6 Nave Close, Darwen, Lancs. BB3 3JY

Dear Mike,
Doctor Doctor, everybody thinks I am a liar!
I don't believe you!!!
NO NAME, 15 Green Lane, Wolverton, Milton Keynes. MK12 5HW

Dear Mike,
Waiter, why is this called "gold soup"?
It's made with fourteen carrots sir!!
Darren Cheal, 24 Drove Crescent, Portslade. Sussex. BN4 2TA

Dear Mike,
Q: What's got 100 legs but can't walk?
A: 50 pairs of trousers!
W. McLaren (15), 18 North Bolton, Abbey Park, Halifax, West Yorkshire. HX2 9JW

Dear Mike,
Q: What are cakes covered with in the jungle?
A: Tarzipan!
Tony Woods, 47 Elstead Road, Liverpool 9. L9 6BD

Dear Mike,
Which of these two statements is in the best English?
The yolk of an egg is white? OR
The yoke of an egg are white?
NONE because the yolk of an egg is yellow.
ANON. NO NAME ON LETTER OR ADDRESS.

Dear Mike,
Knock Knock,
Who's there?
Ah ha
. . . Ah ha who?
Oh you like my joke then!

Special Arty Crafty Spot

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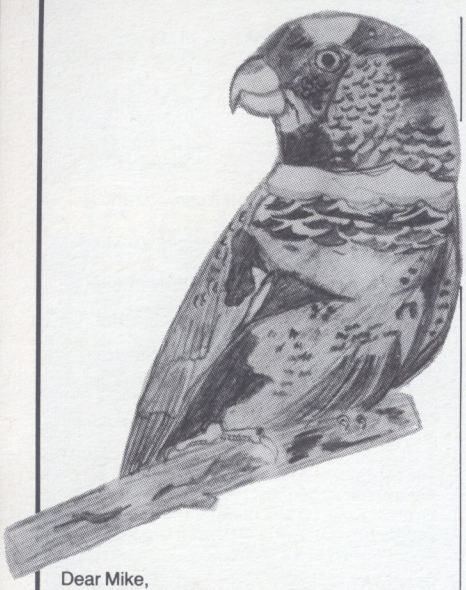
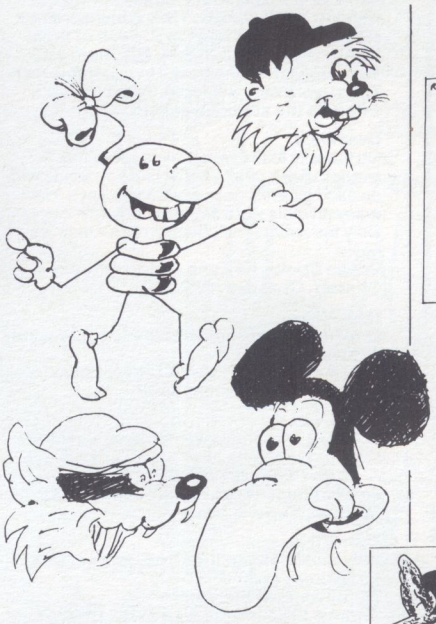


Dear Mike,
Looking at the July issue of 'Mike' I saw a new feature called 'Special Arty Crafty Spot' so I've drawn a picture of 'Dusky Lory', is it good enough to be printed?
David Pearson (13½),
8 Sealand Close, Sale, Cheshire M33 2XE.
ANSWER – It certainly is, David, thanks for sending your drawing.



Dear Mike,
I have drawn some pictures of you and your friends for you to print in the next issue of 'Mike'.
Susan Griffiths (age 13),
22 Ashleigh Drive, Loughborough,
Leicestershire LE11 3HW.
ANSWER – Very good Susan. Keep 'em coming!

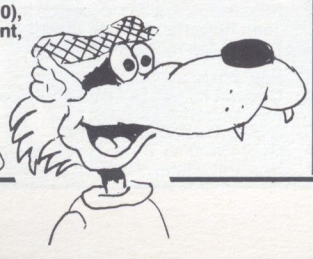
RODNEY WINS!
RAVENOUS RODNEY !!
IF YOU CAN ANSWER MY QUESTION, I'LL TREAT YOU TO A MEAL. IF YOU CAN'T, YOU'LL HAVE TO TREAT ME TO A MEAL!
THE QUESTION!!??
CAN YOU STICK YOUR TONGUE OUT AND TOUCH YOUR NOSE?
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO STICK YOUR TONGUE OUT AND PUT YOUR FINGER ON YOUR NOSE!
THE END

Siu Ting Lam,
112 Chester Road, Flint, Clwyd CH6 5DY.

Dear Mike,
Please can you print my pictures in the 'Special Arty Crafty Spot'?
Melanie Jakubiak,
29 Claypole Road, Hyson Green,
Nottingham NG7 6AB.

David Bugden,
40 Palace View,
Bromley,
Kent BR1 3EL.

Dear Mike,
Please can you publish my pictures in the next comic?
Honesty Hickman (age 10),
127 Green Wood Crescent,
Orford,
Warrington,
Cheshire.



You could be a

CARTOON STRIP writer

Ever wanted to work on a comic? Think it's too easy?Or too difficult? Well, give it a try – you could end up with a PRIZE!

Name _____

Age _____ **Address** _____

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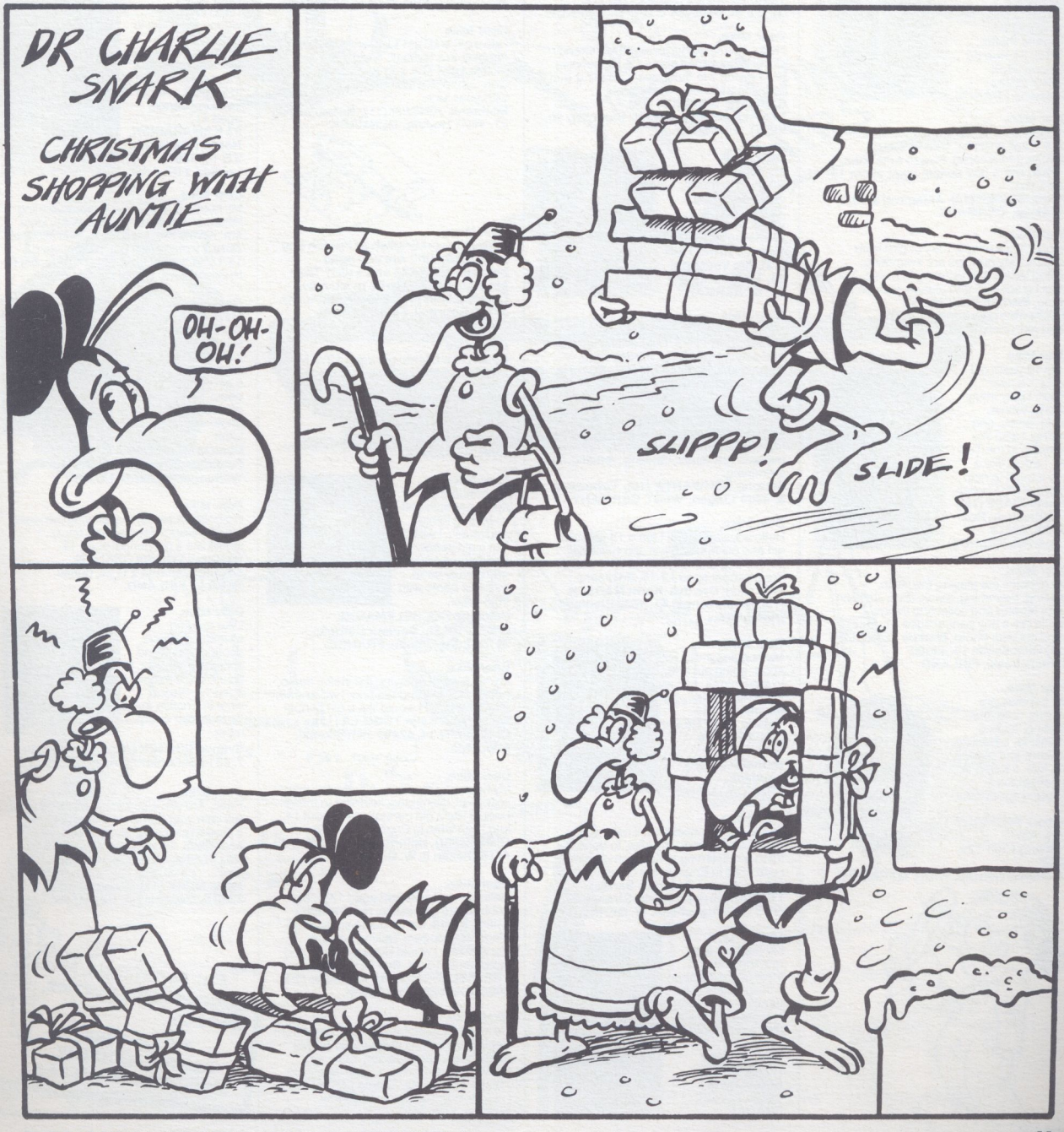


THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS DECEMBER 18th.

Mike's Pick-a-Pen-Pal Spot

Dear Mike,
My interests are football, playing the piano, handball, listening to music and writing letters. My favourite heros are Michael Laudrup, Logo, Herrey's Don Johnson and Sylvester Stallone. I would like a boy penpal aged between 11 and 14. **Karn AGERBO (12½), Poppelalle 14, 6900 Skjern, DENMARK.**

Dear Mike,
I would like a penpal who likes horses and playing tennis. My favourite singers are Madonna and Bonnie Tyler. **Magalie PINEL (12½), 64 Rue du Colonel Moll, 77360 Vaires S/Marine, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are listening to music, looking after small children, writing letters, animals and drawing. Please write soon. I would like a boy penpal aged about 13 years old.
Sanne JENSEN (13), Anlagsvej 3, 7830 Vinderup, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
I would like a penpal (boy or girl) from England. My hobbies are swimming, writing letters and listening to music. You must be aged 15 and please enclose a photo. **Martina BUSCH (15), Reichenbergerstrasse 2, 3063 Obernkirchen, W. GERMANY.**

Dear Mike
I am 12 years old and I live near Brest. I play many sports: tennis, table-tennis, and sailing. I also like listening to the Top 50. I would like a boy penpal to help improve my English. **Yoann BIASE (12), 1 Hameau du Roz BTAS, 29213 Loperttet, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are playing the violin, reading, swimming, music (Bon Jovi and Gary Moore) and collecting things. I would like a boy penpal aged 11. Please send me your photo. **Markus TOIMELA (11) Oinaalantie 14, 42300 Jämsänkoski, FINLAND.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are playing volleyball, reading, cycling, travelling, collecting stickers and playing the lute. I would like a penpal from England aged about 12.
Robert WARHAUT (12), Am Fohlengarten 12d, 8042 Oberschleissheim, WEST GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
I am 14 years old, and I am looking for a girl penpal from England. I would like to have a lot of penpals aged between 12-16 years. My interests are: sport, music, animals and writing letters. I will answer any letter I get, but please write in English. Please send a photo. **Dorte PENDERSEN (14), Magnolievej 18, Ølsemagle, 4600 Køge, DENMARK.**

Dear Mike,
I would like a penpal aged about 14. I like swimming, roller skating and skiing. **Annabelle VACHER (14), 689 Rue de Pontheziere les Sables Vigniers, 17190 St. Georges D'Oleron, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
Hello, I am looking for a girl penfriend in Great Britain aged about 14. My hobbies are playing the flute, sport, reading and collecting stones and mussels. **Katharina DITTRICH (14), Nachtigallenweg 1, 2100 Hamburg 90, WEST GERMANY.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are listening to music, dancing, writing letters and fun. I would like a girl penpal aged 13. **Melanie HANSTEIN (13), Am Vosshohl 14, 4600 Dortmund 50, W. GERMANY**

Dear Mike,
I am 12 years old and would like a girl penpal aged 11-13. I like writing letters and playing the piano. Please write. **Annariikka SEPPANEN (12), Kuovitie 14 B 11, 90540 Oulu, FINLAND.**

Dear Mike,
My name is Simone Schwarte and I am 15 years old. I would like a girl/boy penpal from Great Britain aged about 15. My hobbies are music dancing, reading and swimming.
Simone SCHWARTE (15), Tewesweg 6, 4450 Lingen, WEST GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
Hello boys and girls! I am a 13 year old girl and my hobbies are sport, music, parties and animals and so on. I would like a penpal aged 12-15. So please write soon! Bye Bye. **Karin MADSEN (13), Hvedevanget 11, 3660 Stenløse, DENMARK.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are sport, going out and to the cinema. I would like a girl penpal aged 15. **Valerie AUFFRET (15), 16 Pierre Rouxel St. Barnabe, 22600 Loudeac, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
I'd like a girl penpal from England. My hobbies are: riding my bike, to be in the fresh-air, listening to music and animals. I can write in English, but please write to me in German! **Susanne-Sarah ZERBAN, Ernst-Ludwig-Strasse 46, 6535 Gau-Algesheim, W. GERMANY.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are reading, the theatre, the cinema, writing letters and tennis. I would like to write to English girls aged about 12-13½.
Cecilia DRAY (12½), 51 Rue Ernest Pivot, 93270 Sevran, FRANCE.

Dear Mike,
Hello!!! I am a 14 year old Danish girl and I would like a boy/girl penfriend from England. My hobbies are pop music, all kinds of sports, reading, writing letters and drawing. Write in English please!
Kristine JAKOBSEN (14), Karen Jeppesgade 38, Gylling, 8300 Odder, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
I am a girl and I am 11 years of age. My hobbies are football, badminton and music. I like Mel and Kim, Level 42 and Don Johnson. Please send me a photo with your letter.
Marianne JENSEN (11), Kirkebjergvej 21, 4673 Rodvig, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
Hello, are you English or French and bored to death? Are you aged between 13 and 15 and a girl? Then get your pen and write to me now!
Carole SAPIN (14), 3 Place du Picard, 37140 Bourguil, FRANCE.

Dear Mike,
Hello! I'm a Danish girl aged 12½. My hobbies are gymnastics, reading and writing letters. My favourite singers are Madonna and the Eurythmics. I would like a penpal aged between 12-14.
Bolette MICHELSEN (12½), Sophienbergvej 15, 2960 Runsted Kyst, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are sport, animals and collecting things and music. I would like a girl penpal aged about 13-15 and please send me your photo with your letter.
Delphine ROCHELEMAGNE (14), 20 Rd. du Docteur Cathelin, 91160 Longjumeau, FRANCE.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are playing the violin, horse riding, drawing and reading. I will answer all your letters. I would like a girl penpal aged 13-14. **Katja TOIMELA (13), Oinaalantie 14, 42300 Jämänkoski, FINLAND.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are tennis, playing the piano, volleyball, swimming, listening to music. I would like a girl penpal aged about 14, and I can write in English. **Pamela GISSEL (14), Heinrich-Bergen-Weg 9, 4716 Olssen II, W. GERMANY.**

Dear Mike,
Hello! I'm a Danish girl aged 13½. My hobbies are gymastics, reading and writing letters. My favourite singers are Madonna, Modern Talking and the Eurythmics. I would like a girl penfriend aged about 13-14. Bye Bye. **Nina FREJESLEBEN (13½), Kornager 504, 2980 Kokkedal, DENMARK.**

Dear Mike,
Hello! I'm looking for a girl penfriend from England or Ireland aged about 11. My hobbies are pets, reading, sport and music. I have brown hair and blue eyes. Please write to me. **Sanna SUOKNUUTI, (11), Huttokallionkatu 5, 49400 Hamina, FINLAND.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are sport, going out and to the cinema. I would like a girl penpal aged 15. **Valerie AUFFRET (15), 16 Pierre Rouxel St. Barnabe, 22600 Loudeac, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
I am looking for a penfriend in Ireland. I would like to write with a girl of my own age. I like listening to Johnny Logan. I am 13 years old. **Rikke SKULDBØL (13), Parkvej 16, 4840 Nørre-Alslev, DENMARK.**

Dear Mike,
I like reading, writing, listening to music (Michael Jackson, Wham & Modern Talking). Please write to me in English. I would like a girl penpal aged 11.
Ira KAMARAINEN, Nordenskiöldintie 9 B 16, 07940 Loviisa, FINLAND.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are: football, tennis, writing letters and many other things. My idols are: Karate Kid, Madonna, Jean Michael Jarre. I would like a boy penpal aged 14-15. Jette PEDERSEN (14), Stenvej 6 Humlum, 7600 Struer, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are tennis, animals, listening to music, writing letters and reading. I would like a girl penpal aged about 12-13 and please enclose a photo with your letter.
Daniela ULRICH (12¼). Feldmannstrasse 25, 3590 Bad Wildungen, W. GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are tennis, playing the violin and the piano, dancing and music, I would like a girl penpal aged 12.
Merituuli VUORIKOSKI (12), Käräjätuvankuja 2 G 24, 00690 Helsinki, FINLAND.

Dear Mike,
I like reading, swimming, music, sport, animals and collecting stickers. I would like a penpal aged 15. Please write in English and I will answer every letter.
Svenja RICHTEN (15), Fliedengarten 7, 2314 Schönkirchen. W. GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
Hello. Are you a boy or girl about 15, and will take your pen and write to me? I am a Danish girl called Mette. I like basketball, animals and of course music (Nik Kershaw, Van Halen, Europe, Bon Jovi . . .). I hope to hear from you soon.
Mette MUNK (14), Alperosevej 13, 2300 S. Copehagen, DENMARK.

For penfriends, joke suggestions, puzzles, write to:
T.S.B.'s MIKE, SCHOOL GARDENS, SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ.

Mike's DRAWING CLASS

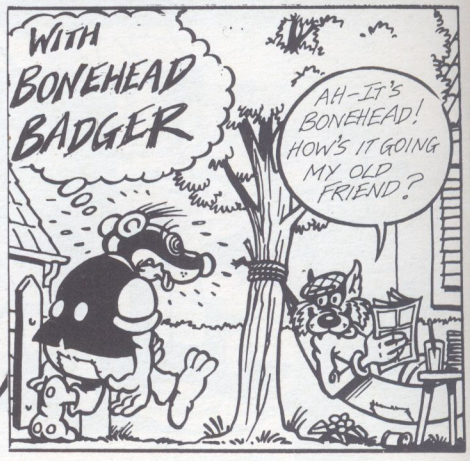
SHAKE HANDS WITH YOUR PENCIL, AND LET'S GO!
ANYONE CAN DRAW IF YOU HAVE A BRILLIANT INSTRUCTOR LIKE ME! START OFF WITH SIMPLE LINE DRAWINGS AND THEN YOU CAN MAKE YOUR ILLUSTRATIONS MORE COMPLICATED!!
TODAY: DRAWING SHIPS

DR. CHARLIE'S TIME MACHINE

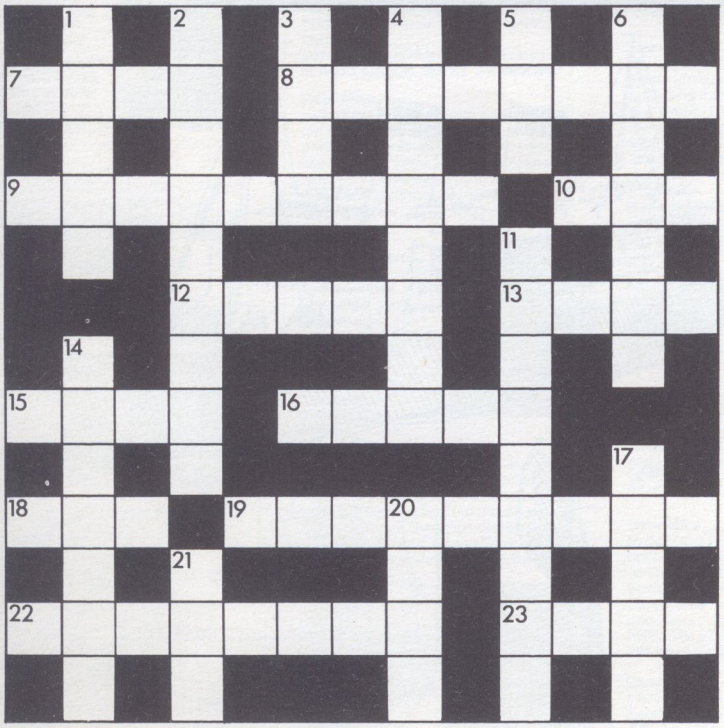
A FANTASTIC VOYAGE THROUGH SPACE AND TIME!

SPECIAL JANUARY PREVIEW!

RAVENOUS RODNEY



Blirriant's PLIZE CLOSSWORD



Across

7 Move at speed – or use lens to take you closer (4)
8 Type of deer – pale tone (anag) (8)
9 Flinging water about in 3, perhaps (9)
10 Officers Training Course, Initially (3)
12 Opposite to outer (5)
13 Utilised (4)
15 Vegetable usually baked (4)
16 Her Highness, the Queen (5)
18 Consumed – sounds like VIII (3)
19 Boat Race competitor – not Oxford (9)
22 Islands to the west of Scotland, Inner and Outer (8)
23 A forlorn (4)

Down

1 Hen houses – scoop (anag) (5)
2 Can't wait – paint mite (anag) (9)
3 Clean west country town (4)
4 This fish can give you a poisonous jab (5, 3)
5 Beer (3)
6 Like leopards skins – or trains (7)
11 Spanish national sport (9)
14 John, Paul, George and Ringo (7)
17 Home of the Pyramids (5)
20 Airfield – or low (4)
21 Painting, music, poetry – rat (anag) (3)

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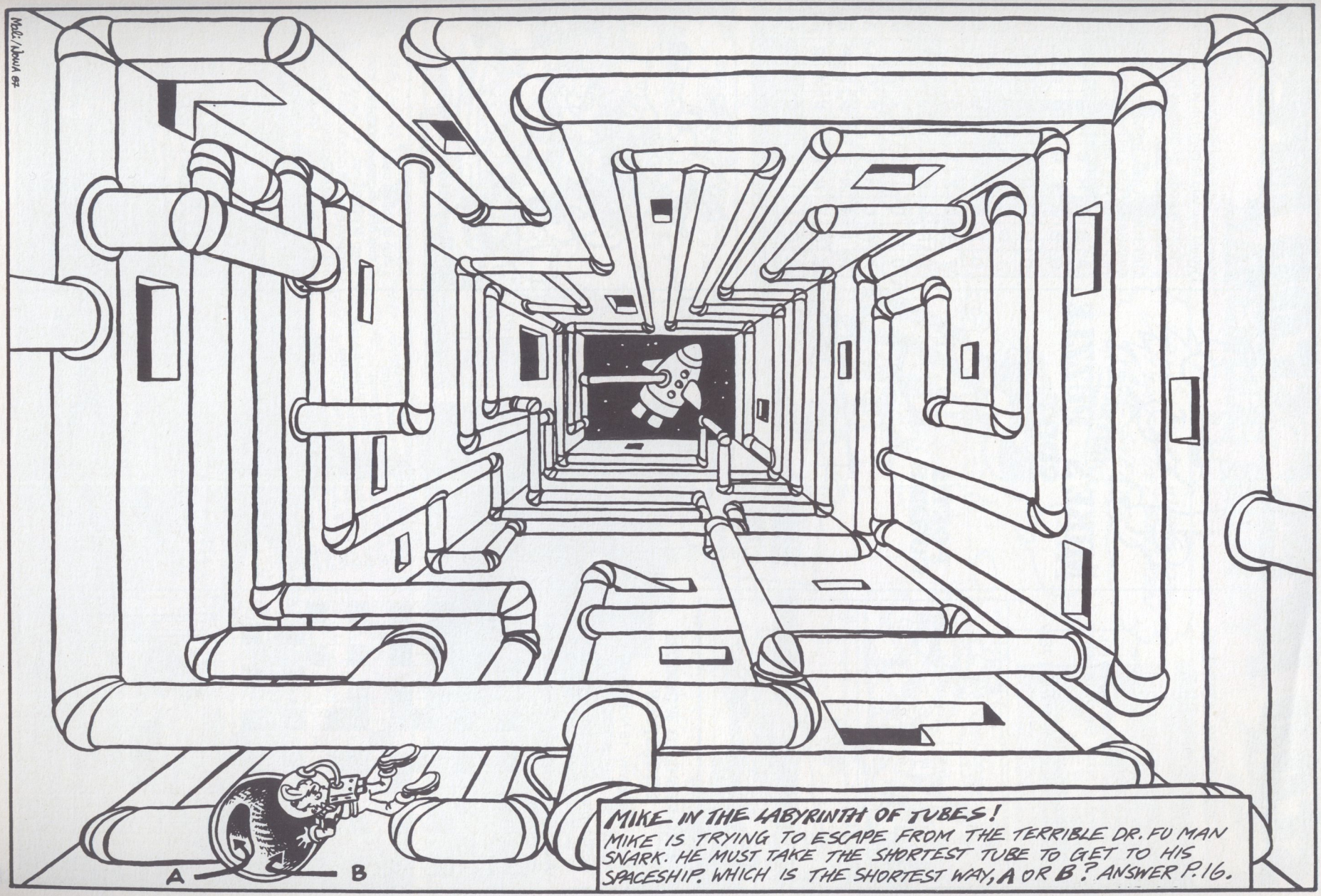
THERE'S A PRIZE FOR THE FIRST THREE CORRECT ENTRIES. THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS DECEMBER 18th.



MIKE IN THE LABYRINTH OF TUBES!
MIKE IS TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM THE TERRIBLE DR. FU MAN SNARK. HE MUST TAKE THE SHORTEST TUBE TO GET TO HIS SPACESHIP. WHICH IS THE SHORTEST WAY, **A** OR **B**? ANSWER P.16.

stop press stop press

CARTOON WINNERS FROM JULY

1st Richard Lewis (12),
Fairleigh, Llandrinio, Llanymynech, Powys SY22 6SB
2nd Stephen P. Worthington (8),
446 Watery Road, Sutton, St Helens WA9 3HL
3rd Lucy Booth (8),
28 Falney Road, Sheffield S11 7EW

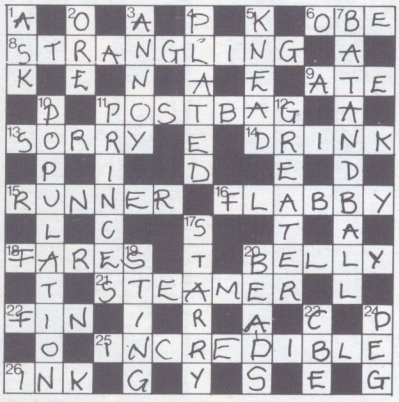
TITLE: STABLE MATES
Hi there folks! I'm just looking after this old horse while he's on holiday
He's not much good for riding
but he's jolly good for Tug-of-war practice!!

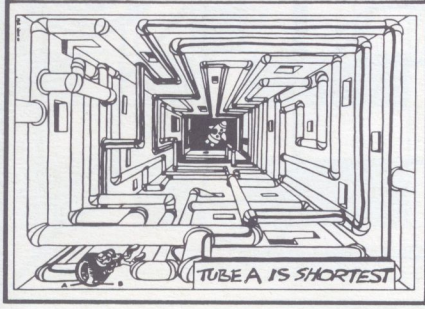
CROSSWORD WINNERS FROM JULY

Barry Chattaway, 18 North Bolton, Abbey Park, Halifax. HX2 9JW

Christopher Armitage, 91 Ilthorpe, Orchard Park Estate, Hull. HU6 9EP

Amy Midgley, 6 Nave Close, Darwen, Lancs. BB3 3JY





MIKE'S DIFFICULT PUZZLE SPOT

POET'S CORNER

Dear Mike,
Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
I copied your exams
And I failed too!
Richard Bishop (7), 3 Halvasso Vean, Longdowns, Penryn, Cornwall. TR10 9AP

Dear Mike,
There was a young lady from Crete
Who was so exceedingly neat
When she got out of bed
She stood on her head
To be sure of not soiling her feet!

Dear Mike,
There was a young man from Dumbarton,
Who thought he could run like a spartan,
On the thirty-ninth lap
His braces went snap
And his face went as red as tartan.
Lee Nicol, 12 Smollett Street, Bootle. L20 4PT

ZOO MANNERS
Be careful what you say or do
When you visit the animals at the zoo
Don't make fun of the camel's hump
He's very proud of his bold bump
And penguins strutting around the lake
Can understand the remarks you make
Treat them well as they do you
And you'll always be welcome at the ZOO.
Jessica Buck, Appledown, Coast View, Stratton, Bude, Cornwall.

WRITE TO TSB's MIKE SCHOOL GARDENS, SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ

Dear Mike,
Here is a 'Cars' Names Word Search'.
I would like you to print it in your magazine.

Tony Woods, 47 Elsteas Road, Liverpool L9 6BD.

DATSUN, FORD, RENAULT, CHERRY, GRANADA, ESCORT, SUNNY, ROLLS ROYCE, MINI.

A	B	C	H	E	R	R	Y	R	S
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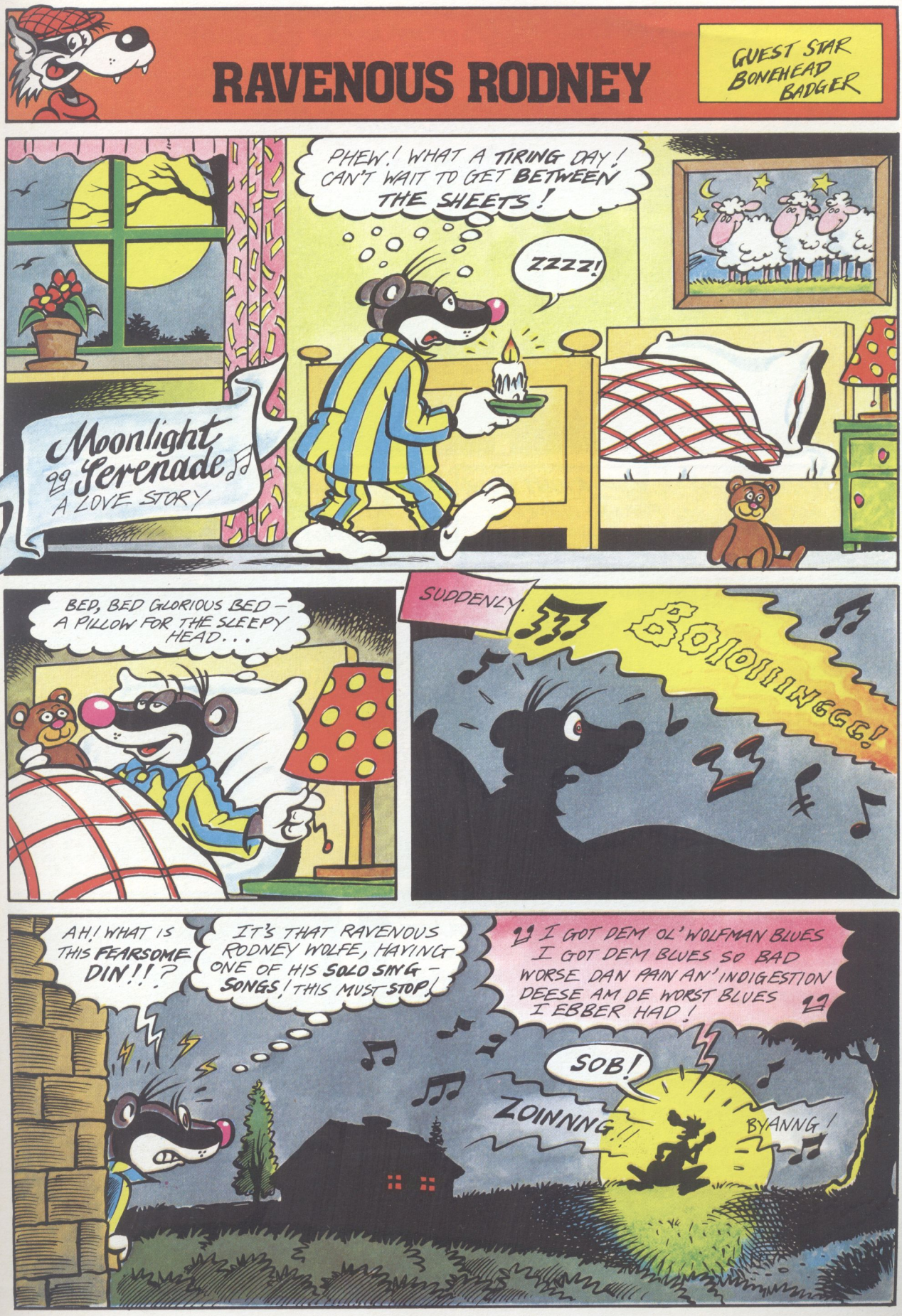
Ravenous Rodney's Recipe

ANZAC BISCUITS
1 cup of rolled oats
¾ cup of desiccated coconut
1 cup of plain flour
1½ teaspoons of bicarbonate of soda
2 tablespoons of boiling water
1 cup of sugar
1 tablespoon of golden syrup
125g/5oz of butter or margarine

METHOD
1) Lightly grease two baking trays. Oven temperature 400°F.
2) Put all dry ingredients together in a bowl. In a separate bowl melt the margarine and the syrup. Add it to the dry ingredients and mix together. Mix in the water – it will look like bread crumbs.
3) Squeeze together in palms of hands to make about 40 balls altogether. Lay on tray.
4) Cook for 10-15 minutes until golden brown. They will go crisp when cool.

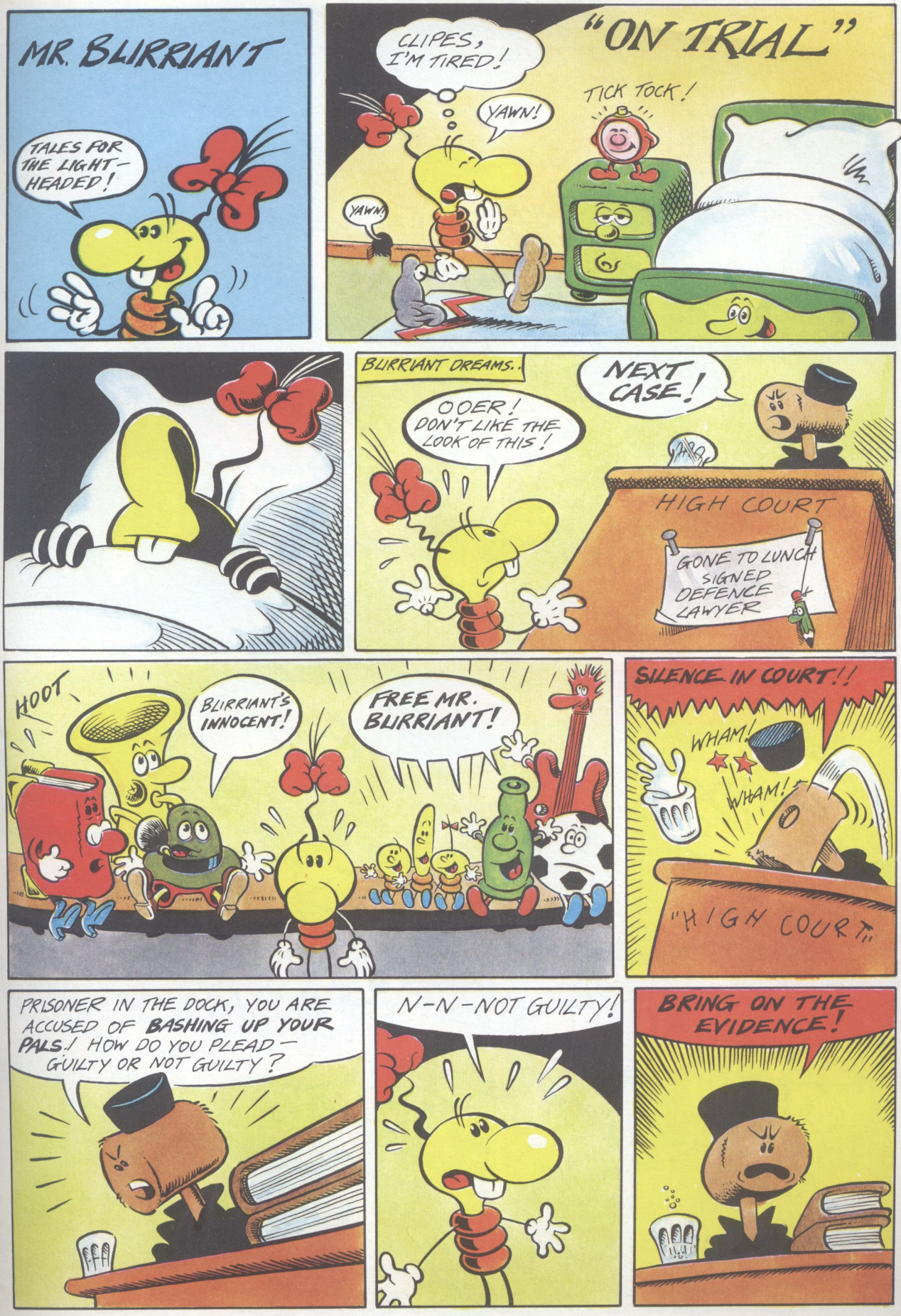
MM! SGRRUMPTIOUS!
Gail Eddy, Mar-Lee, Cove Road, Sennen, Penzance, Cornwall. TR19 7BT


RAVENOUS RODNEY
GUEST STAR BONEHEAD BADGER
PHEW! WHAT A TIRING DAY! CAN'T WAIT TO GET BETWEEN THE SHEETS!
ZZZZ!
Moonlight Serenade
A LOVE STORY
BED, BED GLORIOUS BED — A PILLOW FOR THE SLEEPY HEAD...
SUDDENLY
BOIOIINGGG!
AH! WHAT IS THIS FEARSOME DIN!!?
IT'S THAT RAVENOUS RODNEY WOLFE, HAVING ONE OF HIS SOLO SING-SONGS! THIS MUST STOP!
I GOT DEM OL' WOLFMAN BLUES I GOT DEM BLUES SO BAD WORSE DAN PAIN AN' INDIGESTION DEESE AM DE WORST BLUES I EBBER HAD!
SOB!
ZOINNNG!!!
BYANNG!

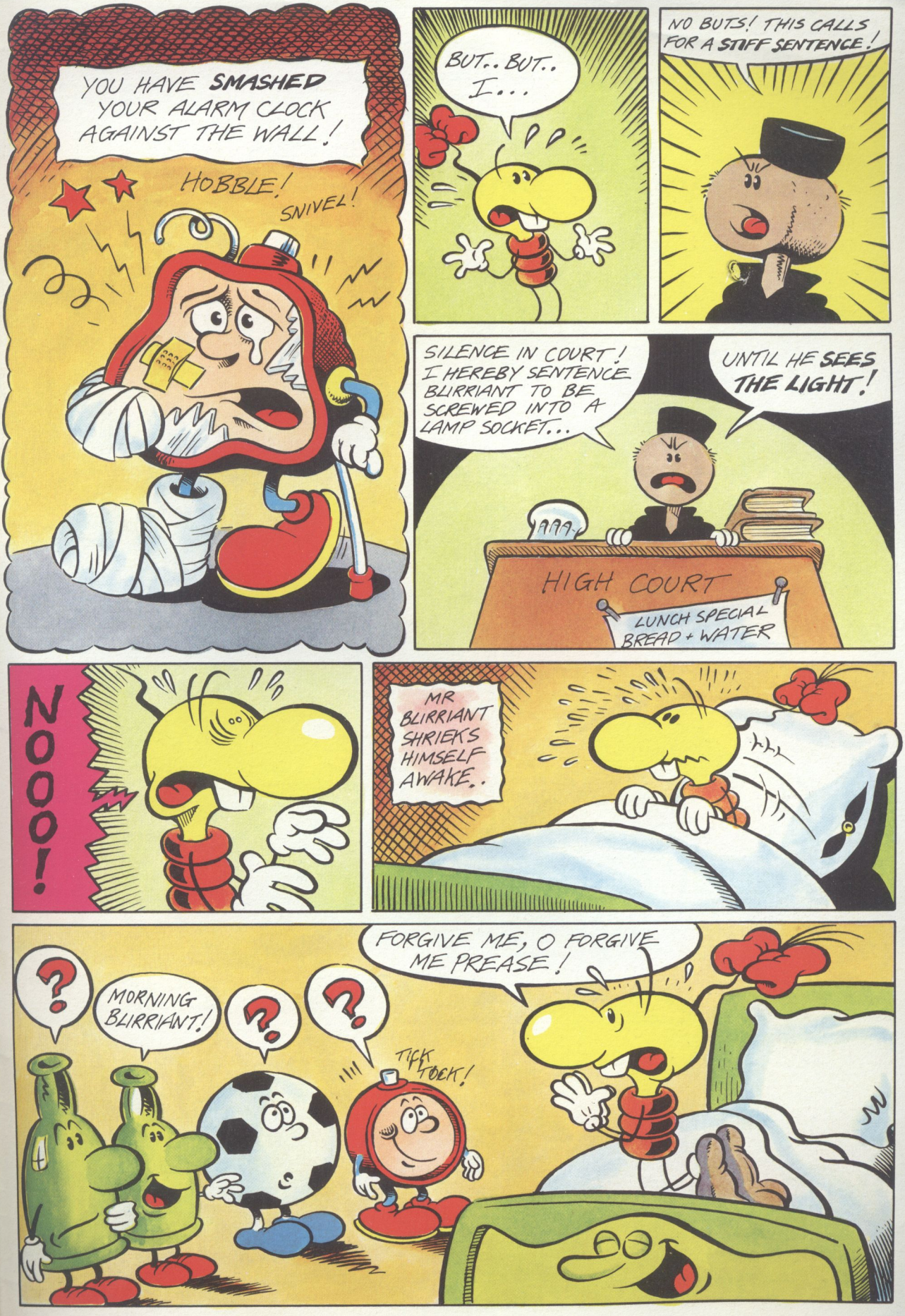
I GOT NO MONEY IN MY POCKET
I AINT GOT NO-ONE TO LUB
I GOT THUNDER IN MY TUMMY
'COS I AINT GOT ANY GRUB
WHAT A RACKET! I'LL MURDER THE BRUTE!
TWANNG!
CLANGG!
GOT IT! WHAT RODNEY NEEDS ISN'T GRUB! IT'S A GIRLFRIEND!
WO POOR OLD RODNEY IS STARVING NO-ONE CARES AT ALL I AINT EVEN GOT A SLICE OF BREAD
ER... EVENING, RODNEY!
STRUM
LISTEN! IF YOU SHUT UP RIGHT NOW, I'LL ASK YOU TO MY PARTY! THERE'LL BE TONS OF GRUB! AND BETTER STILL...
BETTER THAN GRUB? QUICKLY, TELL RODNEY!
TWINNG!
I'LL INVITE THE LOVELY VIRGINIA WOLFE!
GRUB!? AND VIRGINIA!??
WOW!
SKRONK
OH, VIRGINIA I'LL WOO AND WIN YA!
I COULD HAVE DANCED ALL NIGHT, I COULD HAVE PRANCED ALL NIGHT
HAH! IT WORKS!
SKIP!
LEAP!
VIRGINIA IS A VEGETARIAN* SLIMMING FIEND! HEE, HEE, I CAN'T WAIT!!
*VEGETARIAN = PLANT CRUNCHER

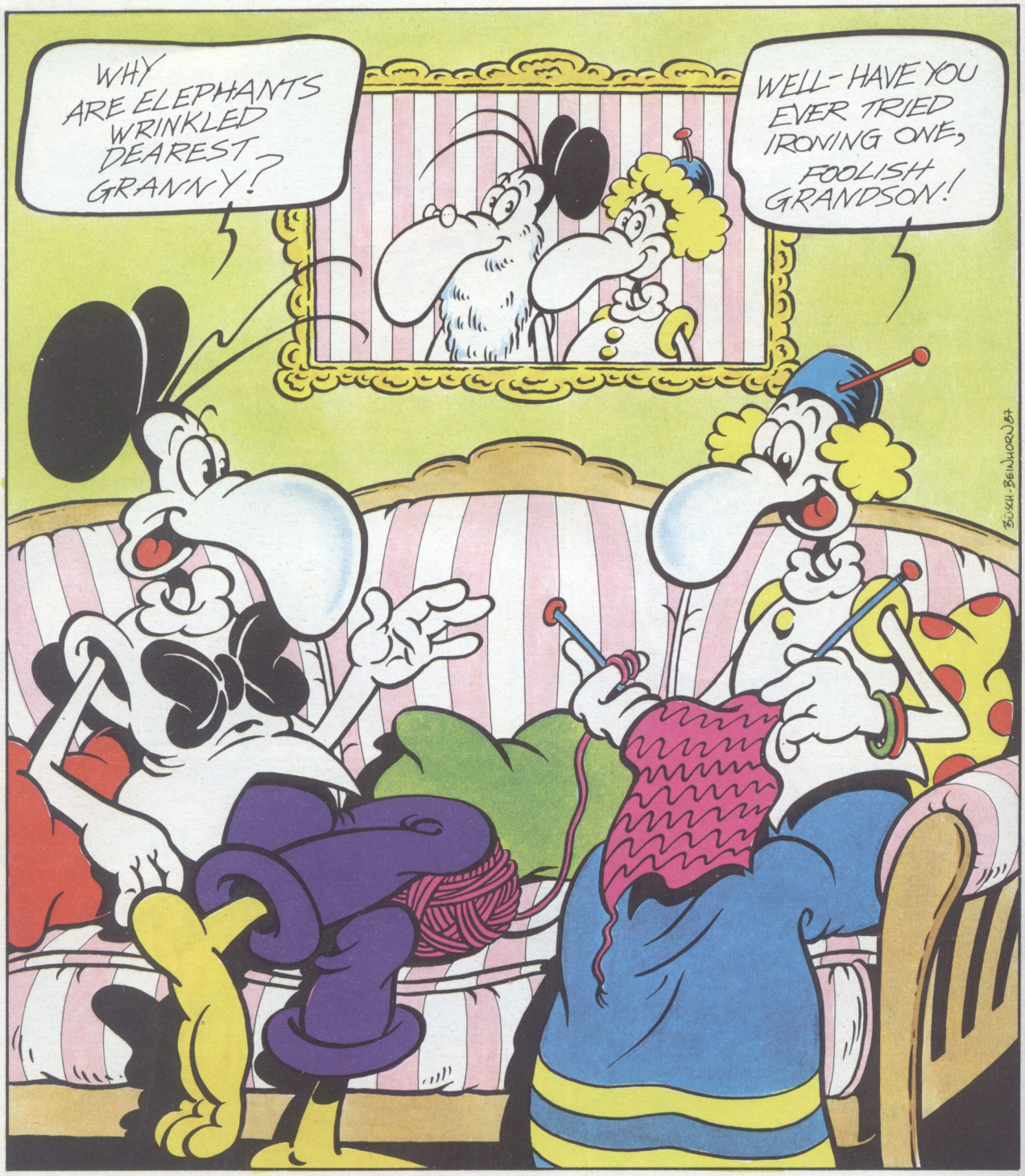
THE NEXT EVENING, RODNEY IS AS COOL AS A FOOL...
WOW, ROD! YOU'RE A DANCING GENIUS!
IT DON'T MEAN A THING IF IT AINT GOT THAT SWING!
RODNEY AND VIRGINIA SEEM TO BE GETTING ON FINE! HEH, HEH!
SNEEHEE! OINK!
SNACK TIME ARRIVES
DEAREST RODNEY! HOW WONDERFUL THAT YOU TOO ARE A VEGETARIAN SLIMMING FIEND! ONE DOES FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT TO EAT ONLY NOURISHING FOOD!
ER.. EXACTLY, DEAR! CAN I TEMPT YOU TO A DELICIOUS CARROT?
HOW 'BOUT A JUICY STEAK!?
A STEAK! COR! (DROOL!) I COULD MURDER A NICE, JUICY... NO! FOR VIRGINIA'S SAKE!
LATER
WELL, THAT'S THE END OF THE STEAKS! I BET OLD RODNEY ATE THE LOT!
NO CHANCE! HE LEFT TWO HOURS AGO, WITH VIRGINIA! SHE WANTED TO SHOW HIM HER COLLECTION OF PRESSED LETTUCE LEAVES!
LATER STILL...
PEACE AT LAST! RODNEY'S GOT A GIRLFRIEND, AND I CAN SLEEP AT NIGHTS!
CLICK!

SNOOORE! RRRRRR!
DEAREST VIRGINIA, I HAVE A CONFESSION!
SOMETHING YOU WISH TO TELL ME?
I DON'T QUITE KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS...
SAY IT, SWEET! THOSE THREE LITTLE WORDS!
ER.. RIGHT... YEAH!
I LOVE STEAKS!
YUKK!
SPLAT!
BUT.. VIRGINIA.. THERE'S ENOUGH FOR BOTH OF US!!
TCHAH!
SOON...
SHUT UP, RODNEY! I CAN'T STAND IT!!
SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE A SIXTEEN COURSE MEAL...
HOWL SCREECH!
STRUMM
CLANGG!
WANG! KLANG!
END


MR. BLIRRIANT
TALES FOR THE LIGHT-HEADED!
"ON TRIAL"
CLIPES, I'M TIRED!
YAWN!
YAWN!
TICK TOCK!
BLIRRIANT DREAMS..
OOER! DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THIS!
NEXT CASE!
HIGH COURT
GONE TO LUNCH SIGNED DEFENCE LAWYER
HOOT
BLIRRIANT'S INNOCENT!
FREE MR. BLIRRIANT!
SILENCE IN COURT!!
WHAM!
WHAM!
"HIGH COURT"
PRISONER IN THE DOCK, YOU ARE ACCUSED OF BASHING UP YOUR PALS! HOW DO YOU PLEAD — GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY?
N-N-NOT GUILTY!
BRING ON THE EVIDENCE!

YOU HAVE MISTREATED BOTTLES!
NO! YOU MIGHT GET BROKEN!
CAN WE PLAY, BLURRIANT?
GERROFF!
SOB!
SOB!
BÜSCH/BEINHORN/KIEFERSAUER 87
FROM AN IDEA BY RALPH RUTHE
YOU HAVE BRUTALLY BOOTED YOUR POOR FOOTBALL!
YAAYY!
OOOFF!
YAYY!
WHOOMP!
BOOT!
GOOD SHOT!


YOU HAVE SMASHED YOUR ALARM CLOCK AGAINST THE WALL!
HOBBLE!
SNIVEL!
BUT.. BUT.. I...
NO BUTS! THIS CALLS FOR A STIFF SENTENCE!
SILENCE IN COURT! I HEREBY SENTENCE BLIRRIANT TO BE SCREWED INTO A LAMP SOCKET...
UNTIL HE SEES THE LIGHT!
HIGH COURT
LUNCH SPECIAL BREAD + WATER
NOOO!
MR BLIRRIANT SHRIEKS HIMSELF AWAKE..
FORGIVE ME, O FORGIVE ME PREASE!
MORNING BLIRRIANT!
TICK TOCK!



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BANK
THE BANK THAT LIKES TO SAY YES